

### The Part Wichita Played in the Event = :: =

ad, the Cannon Ball stage line and other accommodations are in one building which is

corations in one building, which is carved ten to twelve feet. Not the slightest trouble of any kind has occurred, though in many instances there are several claimants to one town lot. Homeless Captain Woodson gave the settlers under his command a fair start at noon. The horsemen dashed recklessly across the prairie. The wagons and carriages followed in haste and confusion. The first arrival in Kingfisher was W. B. Guthrie from near Nebraska. He rode a slim bay mare and covered the twenty-five miles in four and three-quarters. Not twenty minutes later him was C. E. Yokum of Harter, Kansas. The next day, by the same route, was W. H. Donnelly of Harter, and Jerry Nefley of Leoti, came just behind. They were after town lots. The great majority of those to whom Captain Woodson gave the starting signal went straight to their claims. Many passed through here southward last night. Almost every Kingfisher man wears a six-shooter and wears it where he can get it very handy. The town is a new place and matters will probably be settled by the law. Town is spreading over the whole section. Accounts from the line say that the start here was an exciting spectacle. The line was formed at 10 o'clock and was ten miles long. Captain Woodson's management was perfect. At the signal the noise and burst forth was terrible. Wagons were broken in the rush and others broke down. There was a sharp turn in the road, and all the way from the start to the end the road is strewn with wrecks. Among the first vehicles to arrive was a light wagon drawn by a pair of horses. The occupants were George V. Motter, W. Brownlee, both formerly of the Larned and office, and George Werrell, also of Larned. They took lots in Kingfisher. Two young ladies named Gilliland took up a lot in the city. The first of the race was given to show and their claims were disputed. They were in an open buggy with a corral mule and a tent dangling behind. A farmer named Hopper has a lot here and his sign reads: "Keep off this land. I have a gun." This evening the riders were on hand and strolling about the spectators. A few gamblers have appeared and two lawless rangers are up. The Rock Island, which is the center of the line, is full of gamblers. Union Guthrie or some other of the eastern Oklahoma men owns this town, this is the liveliest place in America today. In the great race everybody wants credit of being ahead and accusations on that point are as animated as those about claims.

## Matches of Talk Picked Up on the Streets = ∴ =

backs and lug them down town or  
where. It's good enough for any-  
way. They are all good, strong indi-  
viduals and are usually generous enough  
to stand the uncomfortable side of a bad  
grain and not grumble. So let's give it  
them good and bad and make them  
talk, with or without their wheels, as  
they choose. Yours respectfully,  
RUSSELL R. LEE

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A MUSICAL COINCIDENCE.

A remarkable coincidence was noticed on  
the streets Thursday night, as the Salva-  
tion Army and the American Volunteers  
are returning to their respective halls  
for the street service was over. Just as  
the Salvation Army band was turning the  
corner of Main and Douglas the band-  
leader turned the bed of his carrier akim-  
bol and began playing a strain of "Gone  
with the Wind and Back Salvation." When  
a high chorus of the hymn were reached  
the captain of the Volunteers was heard  
singing the same song, and the two or-  
chestras began to play the same key,  
although the bands were apart, and neither  
knew what the other was doing. Persons  
who noticed the coincidence continued to  
sing and the band men and the captain  
kept exactly together, both in time and  
key, until the entire hymn was finished.  
The feat would have been impossible had  
either known of the other's effort.

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SHOULD BE CAREFUL.

Local sportsmen, who are careless, may  
be the farmers go hunting will be un-  
comfortable this spring. One hunter this  
week turned down some hay-stacks for  
a farmer, and the careless sportsman in  
Victoria are as indifferent as he farmer.

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CONTEST WAS WARM.

THE season of fighting is at hand, and  
ball boys are lining up for the sport.  
An effort was made to get a ball game  
on North Market street and got out  
our marbles for the first game. There  
were three fights in just fifteen minutes.

group of gentlemen were comparing notes recently regarding what they felt to be the most embarrassing experience a man could get tangled in. After all opinions were submitted, the prize yarn was handed in. It is the man who said of his varying struggles he never got mixed in a hand pump and trucking was to take a fire-fighter's taper drill down stairs along with 2.50 in the morning and vigorously beat the fire in the stove in the room near the parlor.

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WITHOUT KNOWN CAUSE

LATE WED. NIGHT remained and more-up people were seen on the streets of Wichita at the same time. In the first block east of Douglas off Main street there were some three men, one with what seems to have been a gun, talking loudly or shouting, or being handlings over their heads or over ones. Three men were walking together and all had their left arms in handbags; two looked there were leaning on one or other supports, while the balance of some sign of surgery operation was about them.

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NOT ABOUT BUTTONS

THERE is a bright little boy in the city on one day last week asked the father at his mother's account by repeatedly asking the expression "bad or no?" The father and father replied, "I cannot say, but I do know all the way not refer to things on my clothes."

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A CONTINUENTAL MANUAL

THERE is a man in town who has several cars has been clipping notices of social events, and has been making some one else's name and among the guests, he only lists clipping indiscriminately to the girl and asked "So you were acquainted?" has caused a good many people to stop